



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

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AN ORDER DIRECTING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA EFFECTIVE 12:00 NOON OF 20 MARCH 2020 UNTIL 29 MARCH 2020 TO EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND AVERT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the President has issued Proclamation No. 922 dated 8 March 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency in the entire country due to the outbreak and confirmed local transmission of Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19);

WHEREAS, the President has pronounced on 12 March 2020 that the country's alert system over the Covid-19 threat has been raised to Code Red Sub-Level 2;

WHEREAS, the President has placed the entire Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine effective 12:00 AM of 17 March 2020 until 13 April 2020 with stringent guidelines for the management of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, the undersigned already issued Executive Order (EO) No. 19 s. 2020 declaring the City of Valencia under Community Quarantine effective 6:00 PM of 16 March 2020 until 29 March 2020 and has also issued EO No. 22 s. 2020 imposing curfew time in the entire City;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Bukidnon has also issued Executive Order No. 13 s. 2020 declaring a general community quarantine in the entire Province of Bukidnon and imposing guidelines thereof;

WHEREAS, there is a need to temporarily close all non-essential business establishments in the City of Valencia considering that some residents continue to roam around the City streets unmindful of the severity of the problem without observing social distancing and other stringent protocols;

WHEREAS, this preventive measure has become necessary so as not to overwhelm our hospitals and health workers in view of the City's limited resources, unavailability of test kits and limited hospital capacity;

NOW THEREFORE, I, AZUCENA P. HUERVAS, City Mayor of Valencia City, Bukidnon, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the temporary closure of all non-essential business establishments effective **12:00 noon of 20 March 2020** until **29 March 2020** as part of the preventive measures to avoid and prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19).



1. By **12:00 noon** of **20 March 2020**, all non-essential business establishments shall be temporarily closed until **29 March 2020** subject to review by the *City Task Force Against Covid-19*.
2. The following essential business establishments shall remain open:
 - a. Central Market including Fish Landing & City Abattoir
 - b. supermarkets and groceries
 - c. convenience and sari-sari stores
 - d. livestock, agricultural and farm supplies
 - e. hospitals, medical clinics and veterinary clinics
 - f. pharmacies and drug stores
 - g. bakeshops, food preparation & delivery services
 - h. fast food and restaurants *but for take-out orders only*
 - i. gasoline stations and LPG stores
 - j. hardware stores selling essential construction materials
 - k. funeral and interment services
 - l. water-refilling stations
 - m. manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines
 - n. banks, money transfer and related services
 - o. power, energy, water, public utilities, telecommunication companies and facilities
 - p. freight, handling and courier services
 - q. cable TV and media outlets
3. Non-essential travel shall be prohibited. The movement of residents in the City shall be strictly limited to accessing basic necessities and reporting for work in essential business establishments enumerated above. Each household shall assign only 1 member to buy basic necessities.
4. The travel restriction shall not apply to a) doctors, health workers and emergency frontliners b) authorized government officials, PNP and City Task Force members c) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons d) persons providing basic services and public utilities f) farmers and cargo drivers g) employees of essential businesses as defined herein h) accredited media personnel g) skeletal LGU workforce.
5. Public transportation shall be allowed to operate so as not to paralyze the movement of health workers and hospital personnel as well as of laborers in essential business establishments and of residents buying essential necessities. However, the number of passengers shall be restricted to enforce social distancing.



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6. To ensure the city's food security, all essential farm and agricultural activities shall continue subject to enforcement of social distancing, strict handwashing and other DOH protocols.
7. Quarries and construction activities are allowed to continue so as not to endanger or imperil on-going projects subject to enforcement of social distancing, strict handwashing and other DOH protocols.
8. Hotels, inns and lodging houses may allow checked-in guests to stay until their check-out dates subject to guidelines but are prohibited from receiving new guests as provided under EO No. 23 s. 2020.
9. The entry to and exit from the City of Valencia shall be strictly controlled. Drivers and travelers entering the City shall be required to present valid IDs, address, contact number and travel history and shall be checked for symptoms for proper endorsement in accordance with DOH protocols. Uniformed personnel, health and quarantine officers shall be present at border points to be designated and manned by the Composite Team of the PNP Valencia and the City Task Force.
10. The movement of cargoes, goods, agricultural, fish and food products to and from Valencia City shall continue subject to proper screening of drivers/workers stated above.
11. All church service, public prayer worships and mass gatherings for the period covered by this Order are temporarily suspended.
12. The City Government shall enforce a flexible workweek and skeletal workforce in accordance with the guidelines of the HRMO.

Previous issuances or any portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Executive Order are hereby amended and superseded accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 19th day of March 2020 at the Office of the City Mayor, City of Valencia, Bukidnon, Philippines.


AZUCENA P. HUERVAS
City Mayor